

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

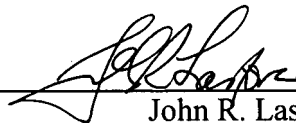
Claims 17-23 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by USP 5,970,053 to Schick. This rejection is moot in view of cancellation of these claims.

All pending claims 1-6, 9, 24-26, 29-33, 35, and 37 have been allowed. The application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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